Castes of Bihar. The recommendation relating to Noniya community was referred to Registrar General of India for their comments as per approved modalities. Since the Registrar General of India did not support, it has been referred back to the State Government to justify their recommendation. In regard to Nai and Kanu communities, as the State Government had not furnished requisite ethnographic details, it has been requested to provide requisite details..

No time-frame in regard to modification in the list of Scheduled Castes can, however, be assigned as it requires consultation with various agencies and that any amendment can be done only by an Act of Parliament in view of Article 341(2) of the Constitution of India.

Allocation of funds under special component plan

†2086. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government under special component plan, schemes of Central sector and other programmes/schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to Delhi and other States during the last three years;

(b) whether allocated amount has been fully utilized; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full utilization of amount allocated for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Funds under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) (earlier known as Special Component Plan) are allocated by each State Government/UT Administration out of their Annual Plan funds.

The details of funds released under Central sector schemes and other programmes/schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) to Delhi and other States, during the last three years, are given below:—

Funds released 2003-04 to 2005-06 (Rs. in lakhs)

	Schemes for SC welfare	Schemes for ST welfare
Delhi	964.24	76.00
Other States	280610.43	289236.41

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The schemes covered are listed in enclosed Statements I and II (*See* below).

(b) Normally funds are utilized by State Governments under schemes such as Post Matric Scholarship, Pre Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations, Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for SCs, Upgradation of Merit of SC/ST students, Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SCs and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. However under schemes such as Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Hostel for SC boys and Girls, unspent balances are available with some State Governments.

(c) The matter of utilisation of funds is regularly taken up by the Ministry with State Governments.

Statement-I

Details of Funds released under Central Sector schemes and other programmes for SCs and STs to Delhi and other States during 2003 to 2006.

Schemes implemented for SC welfare

1. Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan
2. Pre Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations
3. Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes
4. Grant-in-aid-to Voluntary Organizations working for SCs
5. Scheduled Castes Development Corporations
6. Hostels for SC Boys
7. Hostels for SC Girls
8. Upgradation of Merit of SC/ST students
9. Coaching & Allied for weaker sections including Scheduled Castes, OBCs & Minorities.
10. Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SCs and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

Statement-II

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha unstarred Question No. 2086 raised by Shri Jai Parkash Aggarwal, regarding Allocation of funds under Special Component Plan for 14.8.2006

Schemes implemented for ST welfare

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)
2. Grant-in-aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied etc.
3. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas
4. Educational Complex for low literacy pockets
5. Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST students
6. Hostels for ST Boys/Girls
7. Establishment of Ashram schools in TSP areas
8. Grant-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution
9. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Corporation for MFPs
10. Village Grain Banks
11. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

Disadvantages of Tribals

2087. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that disadvantages tribals face in life are area specific; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to bring about level playing field among the tribals themselves so that those with greater disadvantages are given additional support and able to make out a better living for themselves despite severe competition which they face among themselves?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Scheduled Tribes (ST) communities in the country face